



## SETAF units head to Afghanistan



Deploying Soldiers and civilians wait in line to be manifested by the 510th Personnel Support Battalion Soldiers in Hangar One at Aviano Air Base prior to boarding a commercial flight to their forward deployed location. Soldiers and their equipment are also weighed prior to loading the planes. These operations are part of the Arrival and

Departure Airfield Control Group, Directorate of Logistics, 22nd Area Support Group. The A/DACG also conducts joint inspections of equipment with the Air Force prior to loading all equipment onto the aircrafts for deployment. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Desiree Hayden, Base Multimedia, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano Air Base)

### SETAF takes lead role in CJTF-76 operations

By Sgt. Adrian Schulte  
CJTF-76 Public Affairs

A new set of troops will staff Combined Joint Task Force 76, the U.S.-led coalition force stationed in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

During a ceremony scheduled for today at Bagram Airfield, Soldiers from the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division will hand over headquarters duties to incoming troops from SETAF.

The incoming task force includes various U.S. units based both in Europe and the United States. While SETAF assumed

command responsibility for troops in the area, the task force will include the 173d Airborne Brigade, some of which left Caserma Ederle in mid-February. The Sky Soldiers will continue to deploy and should be in place by early April.

#### Deploying

During the deployment the military makes Soldiers' travels go as smooth as possible. Once the Soldiers say goodbye to their loved ones, they are whisked through a transportation manifest program set up by the 22nd Area Support Group.

Buses transport troops to Aviano Air Base. Smiling faces of spouses bearing cookies, soda and books, greet Soldiers arriving at an airplane hangar set up as a holding area.

While waiting for a plane, the Soldiers have the opportunity to write a quick letter or make a call back home. The sad faces of the deployed, many who just said

goodbye to loved ones, are quickly replaced by smiles as many joke around and the camaraderie of fellow Soldiers brightens spirits.

The Soldiers then board a contracted passenger airplane for their flight to Asia.

For most who come to Afghanistan, the route will take them through Manas Air Base in Krygyzstan. The Soldiers stay at the air base until a flight is available to take them into Afghanistan.

Staying in a large facility amongst a mass of Soldiers with nothing to do, the troops find ways to fill their time. Being that this is a digital age, many pass the hours by watching DVDs on a laptop or mini-DVD player or by listening to MP3 players. A musical-chairs game of sorts occurs as the Soldiers, thirsty for power, compete for a plug, which are limited in the facilities.

Other Soldiers fill their time with reading or playing card

games, which range from Go Fish to Spades.

Another way to fill time is by eating. Soldiers are introduced to Kellogg Brown and Root dining facilities in Manas. Chow at these facilities is good and "all-you-can-eat." Physical training will be a

priority on many Soldiers minds as they try to keep their belt sizes from expanding in the coming year.

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Also see more stories and photos from the deployment process on Page 4-5

### Tax Center Closure

All Vicenza community members are reminded that the Tax Center will close on April 15. Tax Center employees, funded this year by IMA, will no longer be working at the Tax Center after April 15.

If you have yet to complete your 2004 state or federal income tax return, make plans to get to the Tax Center prior to the closure date. Tax Center employees can electronically prepare and file state and federal income tax returns, and have your refund directly deposited into your bank account.

The Tax Center services are on a walk-in basis unless you have one of the following types of income: self-employment income, foreign earned income, rental property income, gain or loss from sale of stock or mutual funds, or Schedule K income. If you fall into one of these categories, call 634-7140 for an appointment.

All requests for tax assistance after the Tax Center closes will be handled on an appointment basis.





## Looking for the ACS front counter?

Army Community Service has moved the front desk service area. The new service area is now located inside the double glass doors at the front of Davis Hall. The Information and Referral desk and other popular ACS services, such as a fax machine and copier for official business, have also moved to that location.

Holly Gifford, director of ACS, said "This move is the final change in our goal to make ACS more accessible to the community. Community members can now wait in our comfortable living room area versus crowding into the old counter area. We still offer all the same services and with the activation of the Family Assistance Center, family members and Soldiers can use the Communication Center and handle any other ACS business all in one centralized location."

ACS is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Communication Center and the Community Living Room are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

# VHS Cougars find success at regional basketball, cheerleading competition

By Cougar Coaching Staff  
Vicenza High School

The Cougar Boys' Basketball finished third in Europe and two seniors, Darryl Gonzalez and Sarah Huffman, were selected for all tournament honors.

The Cougar Boys had a great season of basketball this school year. They finished American School's in Italy conference play with 10 wins and four losses.

The Cougars went to the European Championship Tournament, in Mannheim, Germany, seeded fourth out of 11 teams.

They were upset in their first game against Hohenfels, Germany, by one point but won their next two games against American Overseas School of Rome, Italy, and Bamberg, Germany.

They then advanced to the semi-final round. Although they lost to the eventual champion from Rota, Spain, they secured third place in Europe by beating London Central in their final game of the season.

Senior Darryl Gonzalez was selected for

the All Tournament Team.

The Cougar Girls team of six girls lost against Baumholder, Germany; however, they fought with Cougar spirit right to the end.

The second game was played against London Central the same day. The team again fought with heart and all their effort but, unfortunately, the team could not advance. On Friday and Saturday, the girl's team supported and cheered for the boy's team.

This was the first year that Vicenza's Cheerleaders competed in an All European Competition and they were up against ten other squads. The competition was tough, but the cheerleaders gave it their all and completed their routine flawlessly. The captain of the squad, Sarah Huffman, was one of 10 chosen as All Tournament. She will now go on to be evaluated for an All European Team.

*Editor's note: The information in this article was collect from the Vicenza High School coaches: Renee Hirsch, John Zaborek, and Sue Vanderbeek.*

## UMUC extends eligibility for scholarship to spouses, other family members

University of Maryland  
News Release

Over 70 scholarships of up to \$500 are available to spouses and others for the current academic year; the deadline to apply is May 1. These scholarships are to be awarded in the form of financial credits that may be applied toward tuition for Maryland courses and seminars, or can be used to cover textbook expenses.

University of Maryland University College has broadened eligibility for the *Military Student Support Fund Scholarship*. Previously, only active duty servicemembers were eligible to receive this scholarship. Now, their spouses and other family members may also apply. Additionally, Reservists and servicemembers transitioning to civilian life are now eligible.

For more information about this scholarship and other forms of financial aid, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu/fso](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fso). Students who initiate their applications now could receive scholarship money in time for Term 4 classes, starting March 28.

## Community Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, e-mail your issue to [CAC@setaf.army.mil](mailto:CAC@setaf.army.mil) or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is March 23 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

**Issue:** Are there any plans to connect the main post exchange and the Power Zone so that customers who need items from both stores can avoid waiting in line twice?

**Response from AAFES:** The main post exchange recently completed renovation and we asked the same question before renovation.

However, the walls separating the main body of the main store and the Power Zone are load bearing. It is not structurally safe or combine the two areas.

At every opportunity when we see lines in the power zone we funnel customers to the main store and routinely escort our customers between the Power Zone and the main store

for convenience of shopping and checkout.

**Issue:** There has been talk about providing AFN Decoders to those living in private rentals at no cost, is this just rumor?

**Response from Directorate of Public Works:** The Italian Ministry of Defense AFN frequency was terminated in part of Vicenza, specifically the western section, Dec. 31.

This frequency loss affected approximately 180 U.S. military and civilian families residing in private rental units in that area.

The 22nd Area Support Group received approval from Installation Management Headquarters-Europe to provide decoders and satellite dishes to these effected families only. Each family affected has been contacted.

The loss of the AFN frequency in other parts of Vicenza is being closely monitored. In the event there are losses of the AFN signal in other areas, it is most likely that approval will be granted to provide decoders and dishes to residents of private rentals in the affected area.

**Issue:** I recently had relatives visiting from the U.S. who needed oxygen bottles refilled during their stay. I also have a disabled child who needed a wheelchair.

I asked at the Vicenza Health Clinic and they suggested a couple of local pharmacies. However I was unable to find what I needed.

Can the Health Clinic can prepare a handout which explains how we can purchase or rent medical supplies or equipment off post?

**Response from the U.S. Army Health**

**Clinic-Vicenza:** These are two questions which must be answered separately, as they apply to an eligible beneficiary and a non-eligible beneficiary.

First, regarding providing assistance to non-eligible beneficiaries in obtaining oxygen bottle refills.

In Italy, oxygen requires a prescription from a physician. As a courtesy, our TRICARE office provides a list of local pharmacies that provide oxygen refills.

But note that Italian pharmacies cannot refill U.S. specification oxygen bottles. In cases like this, our TRICARE office will also provide the attached TRICARE handout "Visiting Friends and Family Traveling without TRICARE".

This handout is available online at [www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/](http://www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/) under the "Fact Sheets" selection.

The second question, regarding obtaining a wheelchair for a disabled child who is a TRICARE Prime beneficiary:

There are two methods for obtaining Durable Medical Equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs.

The disabled beneficiary needs to have the disability evaluated by one of our physicians. The physician will then recommend the appropriate equipment. The Health Clinic will then procure that equipment and provide it to the beneficiary.

In cases of long-term disability the TRICARE Program for Persons with Disabilities (PFPWD) may also cover the cost of DME.

When beneficiaries visit our TRICARE

office the entire process for obtaining DME is explained and the PFPWD handout is provided to them.

This handout is available online at [www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/](http://www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/) under the "Fact Sheets" selection.

**Issue:** When we PCS'd here last summer, we were told that the Warner Brothers theater off-post near Piramidi Mall played movies in English during certain times of the year.

If this is the case, can that schedule be published in The Outlook alongside the regular AAFES theater schedule?

There's disagreement in the community about what movies should be shown when on post. If we expand the options to include an off-post theater, maybe it will settle some of the debate.

**Response from the 22nd ASG Public Affairs Office:** The staff of *The Outlook* has looked into Warner Village and their original language movies and did run the Warner Village schedule last summer.

Unfortunately, Warner Village has not continued that program since then. When contacted, they have said they have no plans to continue running original language movies.

*The Outlook* does run information on any English speaking movies that we hear about or find promotion on in the Vicenza area.

This is something that the "Out and About" columnist, Dorothy Spagnuolo always watches for. When and if we receive or find information about English-speaking movies we will gladly add that information into the movies section.



*She steps up, She commits, She leads*

Recognizing modern-day Rosie women of our community

By **Cindy Pierson**  
*Equal Employment Officer*  
*22nd Area Support Group*

In 1942, Rosie rolled up her sleeves and demolished the little-woman stereotype of her time. She took over the jobs the men left behind as they headed off to war, and she never really gave them back.

Rosie’s contributions went far beyond helping to win a war. They redirected our society.

Rosie’s unyielding spirit lives on as we salute 10 modern-day Rosies from the Vicenza and Livorno military communities throughout the month of March in celebration of Women’s History Month.

the school. I am also registered as a Spanish translator with Army Community Service.

*What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?*

As a mom and as a person who gets the home prepared for everyone to come and relax and rejuvenate at home, that needs to be my biggest priority because if I have any issues and problems in juggling and getting stressed out, it is because I don’t put them first. I make sure that the time that I spend for them gets settled and then do the other things that I would like to do.

*How has the Army changed your life?*

The Army has provided us with the opportunity to travel and see lots of different parts of the states as well as the opportunity to come over here for three years. It has been absolutely wonderful. We are due to PCS in June.

*How do you define happiness/success?*

For me, for right now, happiness is having good self esteem and finding ways to enjoy myself as well as being able to spread that to my family and provide opportunities for them to enjoy themselves.

*What is your secret to happiness?*

I think it is a combination of helping other people and fulfilling my obligations to my family and doing things that would make them happy.

*Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?*

My mother. She has always been very giving to other people and a very hard worker. She worked with Head Start human services for 12 years. Before that, she took care of children at home and worked with social services in the Hispanic community near Washington, D.C.

*What have you yet to accomplish?*

I hope that sometime in the future while my children are in school I can develop my skills in sign language. I found in Puerto Rico when I watched the children sign to each other, I asked them if they used just American sign language or Spanish and they said it is a mix. As a culture, that is very interesting and it is the same thing with the Italians and Asians.

I remember one of my teachers said that when she went to a conference there was someone speaking and the translator would translate to their own language.

To me, I thought that was absolutely so appropriate to sign in their own culture and important for good translating.

*What are you proudest about?*

My children and my husband. I think I’ve

been able to contribute so that he can be successful in his job as well as the children growing up and being the best individuals they can be at this point in their lives.

*What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?*

That I really like poetry and if it is short and it rhymes, I try to memorize it.

*How do you like being a military spouse?*

I enjoy it very much. Sometimes I find it to be a little difficult when things may be required of you that may not fit your personality, which is hard to accept. Because I do feel like that, especially in a community like this when you are far away from your own family, there are needs that I really believe the military spouses, if they don’t have their own jobs, really have an obligation to fulfill one way or another.

I think the best thing about volunteering is to find things you like to do with people you enjoy being with. Go for it and good things come out of that. I find women can be like forces of nature sometimes in what they can accomplish with a job or without a job. To me it is most exciting to see that when it is not a paid position and they are doing it out of the kindness of their heart, and they are doing it because they enjoy it.

**26, and Antonia, age 23. Also one granddaughter age 6 and one grandson age 2 and a half.**

*What is your job like?*

It is a wonderful job that keeps me busy and gives me an opportunity to contribute something to the Soldiers and the Vicenza community – and you couldn’t ask for a nicer group of people to work for and with.

*What is your secret to juggling work and family successfully?*

This isn’t a problem now that it is only my husband and I at home, but in the past it was a matter of spending as much time as possible with my family and not bringing work home. Also, having a job that you truly enjoy contributes immensely to success!

*How has the Army changed your life?*

This is a hard question to answer, since the Army has been a part of my life for the last 25 years. I would have to say that it made me a more responsible and physically fit person and has given me the opportunity see much more of the world than I might have otherwise.

*How do you define happiness/success?*

Happiness is having a loving husband and spending time with my family and friends.

Success is when I accomplish something to the best of my ability.

*What is your secret to happiness?*

Remembering to enjoy each moment and not stressing about what’s in the past or what the future may hold.

*Who has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life?*

My husband.

*What have you yet to accomplish?*

Spending as much time as possible with my family and friends; traveling to new places and learning about people and places and possibilities; and contributing to my community and my country.

*What are you proudest about?*

My beautiful daughters and grandchildren, first and foremost, but also about the 20 years I spent serving in the U.S. Army in support of the greatest country the world has ever known.

*What is one thing that most people don’t know about you?*

I don’t know – I don’t know what people do know about me.

*If you could be the president for one day, what would you do? Why?*

Give our Armed Forces a substantial pay raise, plus decent pay raises each following year thereafter. They have earned it.

**Name: Lylet [Lily] Hogan**  
**Background: Military Spouse for 12 years. Born in Puerto Rico, learned to speak English at Fort Benning, Georgia, while in the third grade and then resided in Maryland. Current profession: Homemaker and Volunteer**  
**Family composition: Married to Lt. Col. William Hogan. Has three children: Layhea, age 16, Shelby, age 7, and Nelson, age 6.**

*What is your job like?*

I participate as a board member with the Booster Club at the high school, a member of the high school advisory committee and volunteer at the elementary school quite a bit. I have translated at the school for parents who need to communicate verbally or in writing from English to Spanish or Spanish to English when they either register their children or if they need help with one of their counselors at

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..... Equipment .....

# IMMA gears up vehicles to move out

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SETAF Public Affairs

“This whole movement is about the movement of equipment and Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Reaves, NCOIC, Installation Material Maintenance Activity, Directorate of Logistics, 22nd Area Support Group, summing the preparation of vehicles and Soldiers for deployment.

Some 450 vehicles, to include trailers, Tricons, Milvans and an assortment of trucks, are the primary vehicles to deploy to Afghanistan. Of the 450 vehicles, 90 percent will go by ship and the other 10 percent by plane.

It’s IMMA’s job to make sure the equipment is in proper working condition and prepared for the movement so the vehicles and equipment are ready for the Soldiers to use when they hit the ground in Afghanistan.

IMMA has been working hard since the 173d Airborne Brigade returned from Iraq over a year ago to prepare their

vehicles and equipment for another deployment. During the winter months here on Caserma Ederle it was a regular site to see a long line of vehicles on the road across from Burger King – the finished products of IMMA’s hard work.

The greater scheme of vehicle deployment can be boiled down into seven individual tasks that IMMA performed during this period to ensure vehicle readiness for deployment.

Seven separate stages are set up to inspect, accept, or reject a company’s motor pool before it can even get to the mini stage-up area. Even if it has passed and made it to the stage-up area, it won’t move anywhere until its paperwork is complete and it has a special radio frequency identification tag assigned for tacking it wherever it goes, anywhere in the world.

All vehicles are checked for cleanliness, fuel weight, documentation, serviceability, and if the driver has his or her license, said Reaves. If something is wrong, whether it’s a dirty vehicle or the vehicle isn’t serviceable, then it goes to the appropriate station for repair.

“Station five is for maintenance. If it’s serviceable in under two hours, our Italian mechanics can fix it,” said Reaves.

The add-on-armor is another stage in the vehicle preparation process.

“One hundred and seventy-eight vehicles needed the add-on-armor. We started on the tenth of November and we will meet our deadline,” said James Cole, senior site representative, Defense Service Support, who was contracted to assist with the up-armor process.

To handle such a big task as preparing SETAF and the brigade for deployment, the 251st Cargo Transfer Company out of Kaiserslautern, Germany, and the 1394 Deployment Support Battalion from California were called up to lend a helping hand.

“Thirty-four Soldiers run stations and prepare equipment so it is functioning properly,” said 1st Lt. Tucker Mahoney, 251st CT Co. “We run of lot of these missions with units in Germany, but it’s nice to come down and work with the southern part of USAREUR.”

Working long hours, sometimes 12 to 14 a day, was necessary to complete this operation, said Reaves.

He and his team are not worried about getting back to a normal schedule though, “When that last Soldier hits the ground in Afghanistan, that’s when I’m done,” he said.



A contract worker with Defense Service Support, out of Germany, tightens the bolts on the protective armor added to a HUMVEE that will deploy to Afghanistan.

## Installation Staging Area

At the Installation Staging Area, run by the Directorate of Logistics, 22nd Area Support Group, people inspect, process, and transport all of the deploying equipment. (Photos provided by Alex Menzies, DOL)

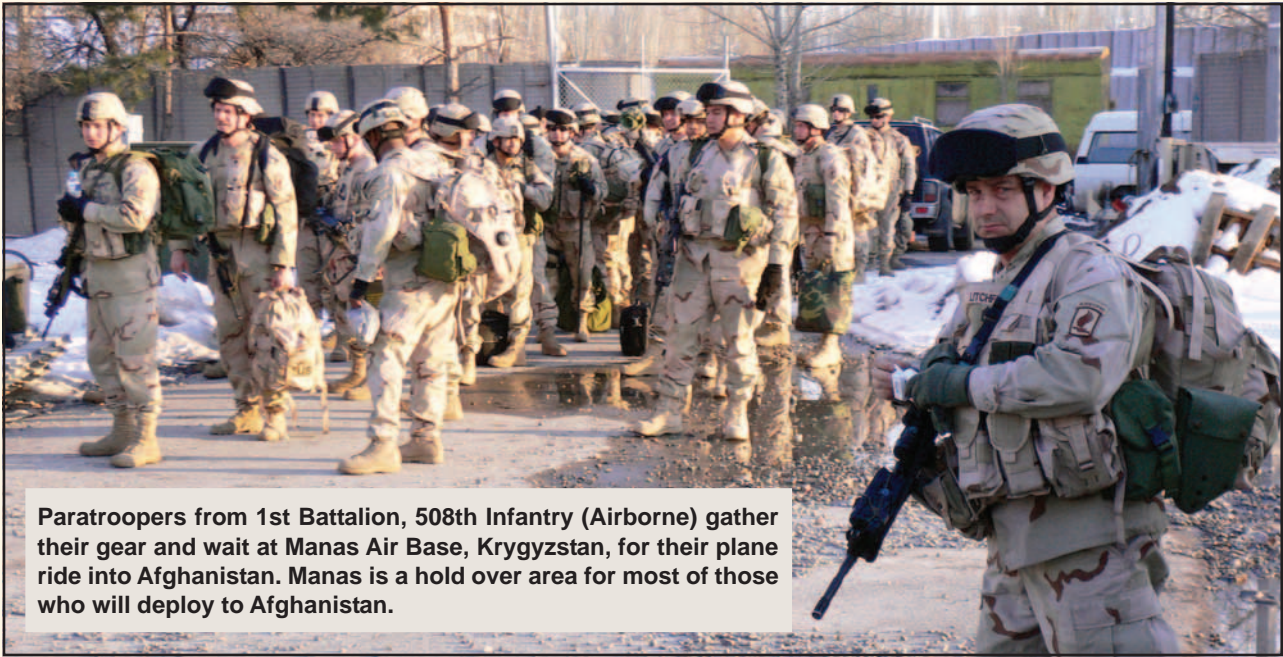


Above: A HUMVEE is loaded into one of many containers holding equipment that will be shipped to Afghanistan. Right: People working at the ISA work to close and secure one of over 450 containers of equipment for the deployment. Below: Once prepared, the containers are loaded on trucks to be transported by a contractor to Livorno where they will be loaded onto a ship.



Left: A container loaded with equipment for the deployment to Afghanistan is placed on board the ship at the Port of Livorno. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, Livorno Photo Lab)





Paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) gather their gear and wait at Manas Air Base, Krygyzstan, for their plane ride into Afghanistan. Manas is a hold over area for most of those who will deploy to Afghanistan.

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The road from Manas takes the Soldiers to Bagram Air Field, the entry point for all those coming into the country and where the CJTF-76 is headquartered. While still a combat zone, security is tight on the base and the personnel are safe. For those staying on Bagram or for those who are only there transitionally, the amenities are plentiful. There are plenty of places to eat and the Post Exchange is stocked full. The deployed have to get used to the paper “pogs” used as currency, however, which are little round discs used in lieu of coins.

“The deployment has been pretty smooth so far,” said Staff Sgt. Domenic Barbeiro, SETAF operations administration NCO. “It is better than I expected because it has been pretty much one, two, three. I was quite surprised and amazed that it went by this quick and fast.”

Many of those walking around Bagram have combat patches from previous tours including the Soldiers from the 173d who returned from Iraq only last March. While the deployment tempo is high, the Soldiers are looking forward to the adventures that await them.

“I’m married so this has been hard for me,” said Staff Sgt. James Underwood, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne). “Not so much from coming back from Iraq and leaving again a year later, but we were training a good deal of the time we were home, so I had limited time with my family. But this is a big adventure for me. I welcome the

opportunity to meet the locals and experience the culture. I have a certain sense of pride, especially here where you see such a drastic change from just three years ago.”

“The best part is just being out here I think,” Barbeiro said. “New world, new country, new experience. I’ve never been deployed, this is my first deployment and it’s been nothing but an experience.”

The fighting isn’t as heavy in Afghanistan as in Iraq, so this deployment will give the Soldiers of CJTF-76 a unique opportunity.

“Afghans are worn out on fighting,” Underwood said. “It’s time for a better life and we are going to be a part of that phase. We aren’t just going on the offensive here. It is better to work with them than fight against them. They can stop preparing for war and rebuild their country.”

The servicemembers of CJTF-76 are continuing to get into place and get ready for their yearlong tour in Afghanistan. While time away from home is hard on all, the Soldiers will be taking part in a pivotal part of history in this fragile nation.

“I have had a chance to see all of this history between Iraq, Italy and now here,” Underwood said. “It’s great for an amateur history buff. We’ll see more than you could ever read about. I get to experience the culture in a way that tourists would never be able to. This deployment offers more than just a bigger paycheck.”



# People



Duffle bags of the advanced party are stacked onto a trailer for transport. The ADVON party was bused to Germany from Caserma Ederle and then flown to their forward deployed location. (Photo by Margret Menzies, 22nd ASG PAO)



Above: Once at Aviano Air Base, the deploying Soldiers wait in Hanger One to be manifested for their flight. Making their stay more pleasant, spouses are on hand with treats and drinks, and tables of donated books are available. Part of being manifested is being weighed and having one's equipment weighed so there is an accurate account of how much weight is loaded onto the planes. The deployment process at Aviano is the operation of the Arrival and Departure Airfield Control Group, DOL, 22nd ASG. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Desiree Hayden, 31st Communications Squadron, Aviano Air Base)



Deploying people is not unlike the process of deploying equipment. During the Pre-Deployment Process, Soldiers go through stations ranging from medical to the chaplain, making sure that they, and their paperwork, are up-to-date and ready to deploy. When it is time to leave, the Soldiers gather in a tent for final briefings, paperwork checks, and to be manifested for the bus ride to Aviano Air Base. Before getting on the bus, AAFES representatives hand each Soldier a goodie bag for the trip. (Photo by Margret Menzies, 22nd ASG PAO)



Soldiers load an aircraft headed downrange.



Family members wave one last goodbye to their loved one as he or she begins the deployment journey. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### Do-it yourself exhibition

On-going is the *Tempolibero*, Freetime, exhibition at the Vicenza exhibition grounds.

Anyone looking for new ideas or just a relaxing day out will enjoy, amongst other things, the latest in motor homes, tents, camping equipment and vacation ideas.

On Thursday, two other sections open. The first is on decoupage, stencils, Biedermeier work and other handicrafts. The other is on cookery methods.

Thursday at 6 p.m. learn about “The Potato.” Learn the ABCs on boiling, frying, roasting, mashing and making gnocchi.

Friday at 6 p.m. is “Cheese on the Table.” Four recipes will be prepared starting with hors-d’oeuvre and finishing with dessert. At 8 p.m. is “Not Only Eggs and Asparagus,” where four recipes are made with asparagus from Bassano.

Saturday at 4 p.m. prepare an “Easter Banquet,” with four recipes from hors-d’oeuvre to dessert. This has a 10 euro admission fee. At the end you can sample the finished plates.

*TempoLibero* is open weekdays 2:30-8 p.m. and weekends 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Entrance fee is 8 euro. The exhibition ends Sunday. The exhibit grounds are located near the Vicenza Ovest autostrada exit.

### Vicenza foot race

The most important open international foot race for Vicenza is *StraVicenza 2005*, and takes place Sunday. It starts and ends at *Piazza dei Signori*, the main square downtown. The race, open to all, will take participants around some of the historic city center streets and parks.

The race consists of three distances: 1.5 kilometers, dedicated to families especially with children, 4.5 kilometers, and 10 kilometers.

All these noncompetitive races start at 10 a.m., and the cost is 3 euro. For children younger than 14 years of age the cost is 2 euro.

Registration is at the *StraVicenza* point in *Piazza dei Signori*, where you will be asked to fill in a coupon. Registration is open Friday from 4-10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-10 p.m. and Sunday,

the day of the race, from 8-9:45 a.m.

There is also a professional 10 kilometer run at 10 a.m. starting at the same place. Register for this race by Thursday online at [www.stravicenza.it](http://www.stravicenza.it). In Italian only.

On Sunday, during the races, most of the roads in the city center will be closed to traffic. There will be a free park-and-ride bus service leaving from the area near the soccer stadium or from the other side of town on Via Cricoli. The buses run from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### Other Vicenza news

**Circus:** The Praga Circus is set up in the *Foro Boario* area, just before the Vicenza Est autostrada entrance. It is open through Sunday. Check the posters around town for times.

**Malls:** The malls in the Vicenza area will be open Sunday. Expect a lot of traffic in the Torri area.

**Father’s Day:** Saturday is Father’s Day in Italy. Stores will be carrying specially-wrapped gifts for this special day.

**Feeding Pigeons:** Due to the increase in the number of pigeons, and the numerous complaints received from citizens, it is forbidden to feed or leave food for pigeons.

Also the owners of buildings must assure that there is no opening under the roofs for pigeons to nest.

Fines of 25 to 150 euro will be given to individuals feeding pigeons, and fines from 50 to 300 euro for those who do not “close the likely nesting places.”

There are exceptions for racing pigeons, homing pigeons and the like. *Taken from a local Italian newspaper.*

### Medieval Fest

A medieval fest takes place Sunday in the Castle of Bevilacqua. See fire-eaters, knights, bowmen, musicians, medieval fortune-tellers, a medieval market, jesters and a medieval encampment. Children will also be able to participate in different organized games. No reservations needed. The castle gates open at 10 a.m. and tickets cost 8 euro for adults, children ages 9-14 cost 3 euro, and free entrance for children age 8 and younger.

Also on Sunday, a medieval

lunch, including wine and water, will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment includes musicians, knights and dancers. Reservations for the lunch are mandatory. Cost for adults is 33 euro, children ages 6-10 cost 15 euro, and no charge for children age 5 and younger.

Visit the Web site [www.castellodibevilacqua.com](http://www.castellodibevilacqua.com) (only in Italian) for the lunch menu, the event program and directions. For reservations call 0442-93655. You will have to confirm via fax at 0442-649-420 with your name and address. The castle is approximately 31 miles from Vicenza.

There is also a medieval Easter lunch in the castle on March 27 at 12:30 p.m. Cost is for adults is 40 euro, children ages 6-10 cost 20 euro and no charge for children age 5 and younger. Reservations are mandatory.

### CanevaWorld

Watch a tournament among medieval knights while dining. The show, dinner and all beverages (without limit) are included in the admission ticket. Prices for adults is 20 euro, children between 1 meter and 1.40 meters tall cost 13 euro, and children under 1 meter tall are free.

During April, CanevaWorld is open every Saturday, with two shows daily at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Booking before the show is mandatory and can be done by calling 045-6969-777. English is spoken. CanevaWorld is located in the town Lazise sul Garda in the province of Verona. The Web site is [www.canevaworld.it](http://www.canevaworld.it).

### Classical music

Enjoy an evening of classical music in Bassano’s *Teatro Astra* Friday at 9 p.m. Three tenors, G. Ansalone, S. Sanna, and G. Pederzoli, will perform with three sopranos who were winners of the Pavarotti Worldwide competition. Tickets cost 25, 15 or 5 euro and are available from the Bassano tourist office, 36 Largo Corona d’Italia. The office is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Tickets are also available from Discotape Bassano, 11 Via Matteotti. Open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 0424-523-981. All proceedings will go to the *Citta della Speranza*, City of Hope, organization.

# Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

<b>March 16</b>	Meet the Fockers (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>March 17</b>	The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R)	7 p.m.
<b>March 18</b>	Are We There Yet? (PG)	7 p.m.
	White Noise (PG13)	10 p.m.
<b>March 19</b>	Are We There Yet? (PG)	2 p.m.
	White Noise (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Fat Albert (PG)	10 p.m.
<b>March 20</b>	Are We There Yet? (PG)	2 p.m.
	Fat Albert (PG)	7 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>March 18</b>	Coach Carter (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>March 19</b>	Elektra (PG13)	7 p.m.

### Movie Synopsis

**THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU** - *Bill Murray, Owen Wilson* - Internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew —Team Zissou — set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou’s partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure. They face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping, and bankruptcy.

**ARE WE THERE YET?** - *Ice Cube, Nia Long*. Nick, a smooth operator, is trying to land a date with Suzanne. Problem is Suzanne, a divorcee, is stuck working in Vancouver and miserable because she misses her kids. Seizing the opportunity, Nick gallantly offers to make her wish come true - and his own in the process - by bringing seven-year-old Kevin and eleven-year-old Lindsey up from Portland, Oregon to be reunited with their mom. What Nick doesn’t know is that Suzanne’s children think that no man is good enough for their mom and will do everything they can to make the trip a nightmare for him.

**WHITE NOISE** - *Michael Keaton, Chandra West* - People have always searched for a way to communicate with the other side-driven to find a way to connect with loved ones who have passed on. Jonathan Rivers, distraught after the mysterious death of his wife, is contacted by a man who claims to be receiving messages from her through something he calls electronic voice phenomena,” or the “white noise” most of us hear when we flip through the radio dial. Jonathan is at first skeptical, but then becomes convinced EVP is real and tries to contact her himself.

**FAT ALBERT** - *Kenan Thompson, Kyla Pratt* - Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids come to life and step out of their animated, inner-city Philadelphia, cartoon world. Literally. The crew steps out of a TV one day and into modern-day America, where they discover pop-top cans, shopping malls, rap and girls, girls, girls.

**COACH CARTER** - *Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Richard*. Coach Ken Carter, who oversees the direction of Richmond High School’s basketball program in California, found himself in the center of controversy when he locked out his entire Varsity basketball team (including his own son) in order to motivate and push them to improve their grades. He was even prepared to cancel his entire season after 15 of his 45 players failed to live up to the classroom standards they agreed to in a contract they had signed earlier in the semester. Ken Carter went on to garner national headlines and high praise even from some of his own athletes, some of whom later earned academic scholarships.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.  
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

# The Day After Yesterday – New Soldier band hits Ederle scene



The Day After Yesterday band members share a musical experience with Nancy De Caro’s Sure Start class of 4 year olds on Friday. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Provided by Allen Ebert  
Entertainment Director  
22nd Area Support Group

This past September during Combat Maneuver Training Center rotation in Hohenfels, Germany, Spc. Jacob Dines spent his off duty hours practicing music on his acoustic guitar. It wasn’t long before percussionist Sgt. Joseph Willie an avid musician, heard the music and teamed up with Dines.

Both Dines and Willie are members of an all Soldier band called *The Day After Yesterday*. They are joined by Spc. Nathan Brumley on bass, Sgt. Ricardo Mangual on lead guitar, Spc. Adrian Cisneros on keyboard and Sgt. Albert Brodeen on back-up vocals. All the Soldiers are with the 173d Airborne Brigade.

The band gets together at Soldiers’ Theatre during their off duty hours to practice. In addition to the community theatre program, Soldiers’ Theatre offers a practice room and equipment for Soldiers to rehearse.

Dines is grateful to have the space to practice in. “Soldiers’ Theatre provides us with a place to hone our skills,” Dines said. “The staff also helps us with equipment needs. We could not have put the band together without the

help of Barry Robinson and Al Ebert.”  
“The guys have tremendous drive and energy,” said Robinson. “Their teamwork is commendable.”  
Playing all original songs, the band likes to mix musical genres playing everything from ballads to heavy metal. Eventually they hope to provide demo tapes to their audiences.

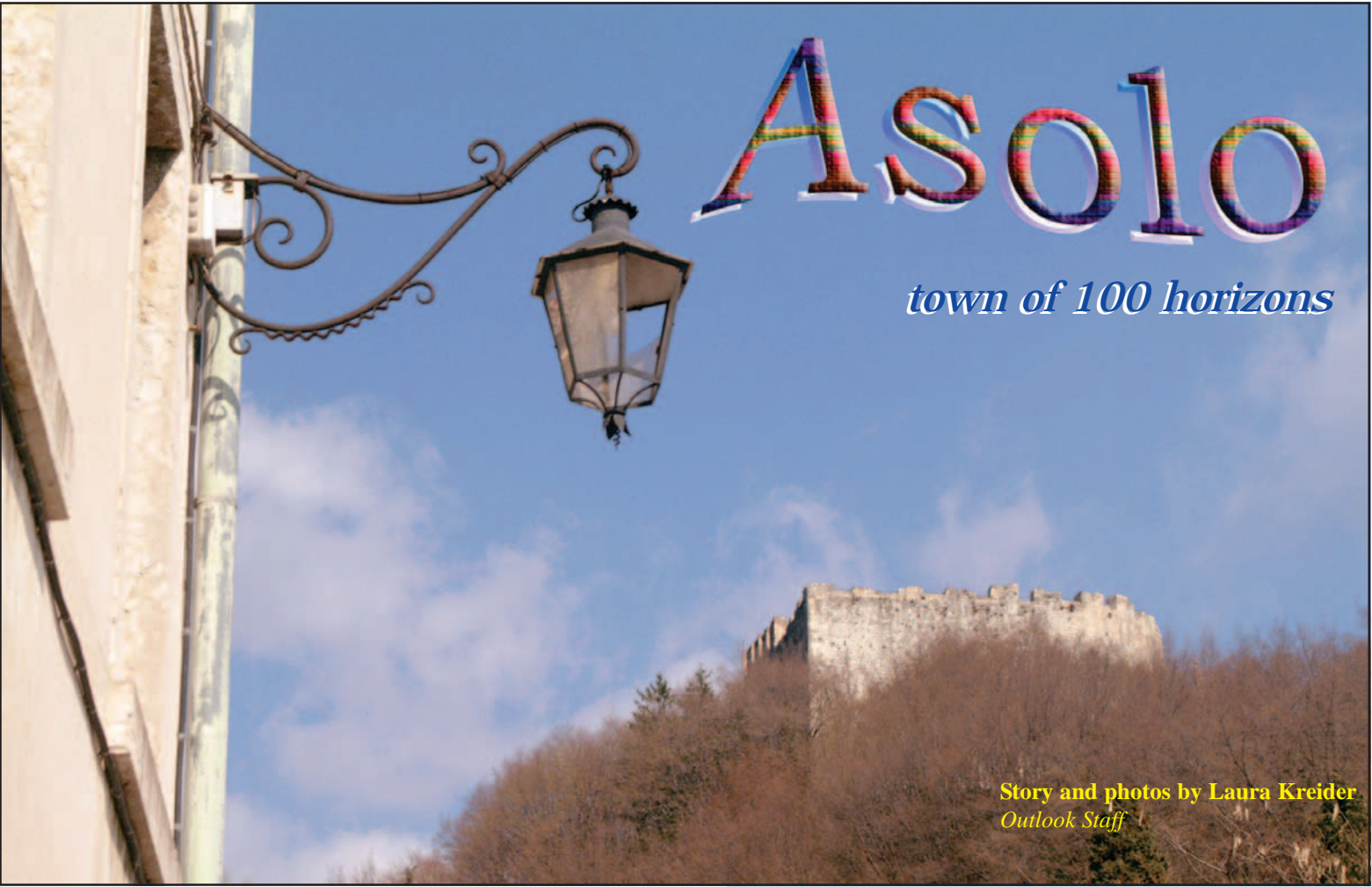
All band members will soon deploy but hope they will have the opportunity to continue to entertain their fellow troops when downrange.

“Playing in our band has been a great stress reducer and has improved our self esteem,” said Willie. “Our families support our efforts wholeheartedly. It’s been a great way to spend our off-duty hours.”

Last month, these dynamic and devoted musicians rocked the night away at Club V. Over 100 Soldiers and family members attended the concert. With such a great turn out, the band has been invited back for another concert.

*The Day After Yesterday* will perform at Club V on Thursday, Saint Patrick’s Day, at 9:30 p.m. The free concert is sponsored by Soldiers’ Theatre and the community is invited to attend.





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Outlook Staff

Left: The *Rocca* viewed from the *Piazza Maggiore*. Below: *Via Browning*, one of the narrow streets lined with frescoed palaces, is dedicated to the English poet who lived in Asolo in the 19th century. Far below: A 16th century fountain sits in the corner of *Via Browning*.



An Italian poet who lived in the 19th century, *Giosue' Carducci* defined it as "the town with a hundred horizons."

The town located on a hilltop is *Asolo*, known throughout the centuries because of its strategic position between the valleys of the two rivers *Piave* and *Brenta*, and also loved by artists and poets for the pleasantness of the views and mildness of its climate.

On a clear day visitors may still understand why the town has this reputation, especially if they reach the *Rocca*, the ancient fortress that overlooks the town, and from where the view sweeps 360 degrees over the surroundings.

The town's historical beginnings date back to the Paleolithic period in the Veneto region. Asolo developed

significantly during the Roman age, especially after 74 B.C. with the building of the road *Aurelia*, which linked *Padova* to *Castelfranco*.

Several families, such as the *Da Romano*, and then *Carraresi* from *Padova* ruled the town during the Feudal period – the medieval political system – until 1339, when Venice enclosed it in its dominions and started to strengthen the city walls and renovate the castle. The best period for Asolo was probably during the following centuries when it developed its mercantile and cultural role.

In the late 1500s, Asolo was associated to the name of *Caterina Cornaro*, who was the former Queen of Cyprus. After some conspiracies and tragic domestic events, she accepted to surrender the island to the Republic of Venice receiving in exchange the castle and



Spring flowers blossom on the way up to the *Rocca*.

some estate in Asolo. Here, she settled her court of about 80 people and 100 soldiers.

For many years afterwards, artists and poets celebrated the life style and culture they experienced there.

Leaping forward a few centuries, Asolo remained the destination of several artists and poets, such as the English poet Robert Browning, the Italian theatre actress Eleonora Duse and composer Igor Stravinsky. Writer Ernest Hemingway also lived there for a period.

In addition to visiting the historical centre, which includes the castle remains, the cathedral and the museum, Asolo also offers an antique market held in *Piazza Maggiore*, the main square, and the streets around it the second weekend of each month. For this event, traffic is limited and parking is available at the foot of the hill before entering the historical area.

A bus departs from the parking and stops nearby the area of the market. To reach Asolo, follow SS 248 after *Bassano del Grappa* in the direction of *Treviso*.



Below: The battlement of the *Rocca*, seen from the stepped path that reaches the entrance.



Above: Tourists point the entrance gate and the massive wall. The *Rocca* is a polygonal shaped fortress built in the 13th century. According to some historians, originally, it was a pre-Roman construction. It consists of nine sides, about 15 meters high, 60 meters long and 27 meters wide. The fortress was neglected for a long time, but it was restored in 1994. After entering a gate, one may enjoy the view of the 100 horizons of Asolo, as described by *Giosue' Carducci* in one of his poems written in the 19th century.

## Other Destinations



Above: The *Ponte Vecchio*, Old Bridge, in *Bassano del Grappa*. Over the years this covered wooden bridge has become the symbol of the town. References to a bridge spanning the river *Brenta* date back to the 12th century. Destroyed several times during the wars or by the strong floods, the bridge has been faithfully rebuilt to the original design by *Andrea Palladio*, the architect who worked in *Vicenza* and the Veneto Region in the 16th century. Currently, it is under

Above: The *Castello Inferiore*, lower castle and the *Piazza degli Scacchi*, Chess Game Square, located in *Marostica*, a medieval town dating from the Lords of *Romano* and then the *Scaliger Family* of *Verona*, 14th century. It is famous for the Human Chess Game, with more than 500 participants wearing traditional costumes. The event takes place in even numbered years only.